(4) whether the Municipal Council is competent to entertain a mid-wife out of Council funds; if so, under what section of the Municipal Regulation, XI of 1096;

(5) under what section of the Regulation did the Government sanction the appointment in question?

**Rama Varmha Tampuran.**—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) Yes.

(4) and (5). Section 35 of the Municipal Regulation gives the power to the Council to make such appointment subject to the orders of Government.

## Quinine for the Tattamangalam Dispensary.

**394. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what quantity of quinine is generally supplied every year for the use of the dispensary at Tattamangalam;

(b) has the quantity been supplied for the year 1105; if so when; if not, why not;

(c) what are the feverish months of the place?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—(a) One pound usually. Extra quantity is supplied when asked for, and so last year half a pound more was given.

(b) Yes, on 3rd April 1930.

(c) Usually February, March, April and May.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Was there not a requisition from the Medical Officer of Tattamangalam to send quinine earlier in 1105?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—There was no special request from the Medical Officer at Tattamangalam. I admit there was a little delay in sending quinine to him. The delay was caused because there were some other medicines also to be sent to him. They were not ready here, and we thought that the quinine could be sent to him along with the other medicines. It should have been sent earlier.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Is not quinine used for fever?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—But there was plenty of quinine in Chittur. It is only a subsidy given by the Government to the private practitioner and not to the public in general. If at all there was an absolute necessity, he could have got it from the hospital at Chittur.

**Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—What is the use of the subsidy, if it is not given at the proper time?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—There was a very large quantity in the Chittur hospital.

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